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2006 Wing Conference and more. . .

NCWG Annual Conference - Safety Awards



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Photos by 1st Lt Don Penven





COMMANDER'S CALL

The following are excerpts from Col Ragland's address to the 2006 NC Wing Conference.

I would like to open my comments with a brief review of this past year since our last Wing Conference. We have a lot of success stories to share with each other, and it doesn't hurt to talk about some of our successes in front of our distinguished Region Commander.

First, congratulations to all those North Carolina cadets who worked so hard and successfully won the MER cadet drill competition. These cadets have inspired all of us with their competitive spirit and dedication to a common goal. This team accomplished something that has been a long time coming for North Carolina Wing. I also want to thank all those cadets who attended the summer encampment this past year. Each cadet took my pleas for a safety emphasis to a new level and we had the safest summer encampment that many can remember for quite a while back. The cadets in North Carolina are obviously the best around and are showing their true grit in making this program move forward. I commend the cadets and the Adult Officers guiding them.

I want to congratulate all of the AE track personnel across this Wing, and all the members who participated in AE this past year. Under the energetic leadership of Major Richard Harkness, you made it possible for North Carolina Wing to be recognized as the number one AE program in MER.

I want to commend all our pilots and flight crews for getting our aircraft utilization numbers up during this past year. Because of your personal sacrifice and dedication, North Carolina Wing finished up 6th in all of CAP in our aircraft utilization. You trained hard for the hurricane that never came. Your preparations did not go unnoticed and your commitment to serve the citizens of North Carolina is well known in Raleigh. You have all earned my admiration and respect for taking your flying to a new level of professionalism and commitment.

In general emergency services missions, radio communications, and other critical operational areas, this Wing has shown continuous and significant improvement. A recent missing aircraft search between North Carolina and Virginia demonstrated your professionalism and commitment. The Mountain Flying clinic recently conducted by the Asheville Squadron could become the model for how we can help train other Wings in this important mission specialty. The joint SAREX with South Carolina Wing does have a positive impact on improving our emergency services capabilities. Those who make the effort to participate in these practice missions do North Carolina Wing a great service and help us all be more prepared for the future.

Our Incident Commander numbers are slowly increasing without any sacrifice in quality of training and commitment to these critical positions. Since our conference last year, I can now report we have our very own SDIS capability and the trained operators to provide this unique service. We are also making progress on our training in the G1000 glass cockpit. All of this has occurred because of your hard work, sincere dedication, and your deep concentration on Safety.

Speaking of Safety, I hope many of you have read my introductory letter in your registration packages. The theme of this conference is "The Hub of the Prop - Safety". We chose that theme for some very special reasons. As I said in my letter, the three missions of Civil Air Patrol are very well known. Every member learns about these missions during their Level One training. We also are told the three bladed prop on our logo represents those three missions. But there is a critical mission we do not discuss in our Level One materials nearly as much as we should. Safety is as much a mission for Civil Air Patrol as the three missions Congress included in our charter. And, because safety is so critical to all we do, I think it should be thought of as the hub of that three bladed prop. The blades on the prop cannot function without the hub. I make no claim to this being original, but I do propose this analogy to you in order to help everyone understand the importance of Safety in CAP and specifically in NC Wing.

It is very important in Civil Air Patrol for us to make Safety as the way we do business. There are several reasons why I think this is so important:

1. Your Wing Commander, Region Commander, and National Commander take your personal health and well being to a very personal level. For a Civil Air Patrol member to become seriously injured or become a fatality is a burden of Command we would rather not bear. This volunteer organization cannot function without healthy, happy volunteers such as you.
2. The parents of our cadets place their children in our care. We must take every step possible to make sure we deserve that trust. Many of you who work with cadets know that they very easily become just like your own child. We get to see them grow and mature in magnificent ways right before our eyes. Their safety cannot ever be compromised.
3. Unsafe practices create consequences we can never accept. Damage to our limited assets, injury to any of our members or others who place their faith in us, or the death of our own are consequences that can never be tolerated or allowed, especially when they could have been prevented. There is also the consequence of being left out on future resource allocations. North Carolina Wing did not get even one of the steam gauge C-182 aircraft in that purchase cycle and we cannot afford any more of sitting on the sidelines watching others get resources we so desperately need.

I hope all of you will visit with Captain Dan McCollum and participate in his safety sessions this afternoon. Part of what you might learn is that Safety as a business requires a Safety Culture. You must help Captain McCollum and me create and nurture a Safety culture in NC Wing. In order to help explain what a good Safety Culture should be, let me give you some examples.

When a cadet sees a possible safety concern, that cadet will feel comfortable in raising the concern to his/her superiors and know that the concern will be taken seriously and acted on. Our cadets are trained to respect authority and to say "Yes Sir" and "No Sir" and to not question any orders. In a proper safety Culture, those same cadets will speak up without any fear of reprisal or feeling shunned because of their concerns. In a proper Safety Culture, our cadet leaders and our membership in general will know by their training and the Safety Culture around them how to respond to safety concerns.

In a good Safety Culture environment, when members suspect the driver of a CAP vehicle or pilot of a CAP aircraft may be impaired or might have compromised their ability to operate the equipment in a safe manner, they would refuse to get on board. In a good Safety Culture environment the mission is never more important than the health and well being of our members and risk is quantified, understood, and minimized prior to any action.

We must train to use the tools of the safety business. Operational Risk Management (ORM) is a structured way of measuring the risks involved and coming up with a quantitative way of deciding what the risks are so that we can adjust as necessary to minimize those risks. Learning ORM is as important to our members as learning first aid, CPR, DF tracking, or radio operation. In a Safety Culture environment, all our members would want to become experts at ORM. With your help, North Carolina Wing will achieve a Safety Culture environment envied by every other Wing in CAP.

We have accomplished much as a Wing in the past 3-4 years. However, we still have much to do. We must continue to utilize our aircraft as much as possible and prove to the Air Force and others our critical need for more aircraft to accomplish our missions. We must continue to utilize what little resources we have to their complete capabilities. It is only with more training and the rotation or reassignment of assets that we will accomplish this goal. Your help in making these adjustments work for the Wing as a whole will be essential.

We must improve our internal communications. I want to encourage each of you to subscribe to critical email lists. The email is not perfect and it is not a substitute for direct contact, but it is a very useful technology we can use more efficiently if we give a little more effort to the process. Please contribute to and read our North

Carolina Wing newsletter available on our web site. 1Lt Don Penven does an excellent job in providing this service to North Carolina Wing, but neither he or I can force feed information to members if they do not take the time to download and read it.

We must learn to reach out beyond our small comfortable circles. Reach out to nearby squadrons and other groups. Our Region Commander and I both encourage you to reach across state boundaries and participate with other CAP members nearby, regardless of which Wing they belong to. Sharing of limited resources across our state and region boundaries is absolutely necessary in this time of very limited resources.

We need to improve getting our message to those outside CAP. Recruitment and retention remains a critical issue for all of CAP and for NC Wing. Pilots want to fly. Radio operators want to work with radios. Ground team members want to test their skills in the real world. If we do not put these volunteers to work and make sure they are getting the satisfactions they came to the organization for, they will leave. Each of us must become more comfortable with training our backup or replacement. Civil Air Patrol is about performance and service, not job security.

Civil Air Patrol is a fantastic organization that I have put 30 years of my life into. I have never gained more satisfaction from this organization than I am now getting serving you as your Wing Commander. You are the best, and I will do everything within my abilities to make sure others know just how really great you are. God bless you and have a great time at this conference. You definitely deserve it.

Col Larry J. Ragland, Commander

Congratulations to Lt Col Roy Douglass for taking and passing the AFIADL Safety Officer Course. This is a good example of leading by example. I hope many more will try to take this course.

Colonel Larry J. Ragland, CAP

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AOPA announces scholarships for Civil Air Patrol members

Civil Air Patrol members will be able to earn a private pilot certificate thanks to financial support from AOPA. The association announced on Thursday November 9th, that it is providing \$10,000 to cadets and senior members to complete their flight training. "We're thrilled to encourage new young pilots," said Sharon Krager, AOPA senior vice president of membership marketing. "Working with the Civil Air Patrol is a great way to reach prospective pilots." A total of 4 scholarships at \$2500 each will be awarded to 2 senior members and 2 cadets. Don Rowland, Executive Director Civil Air Patrol and Ms. Krager signed the agreement at the annual AOPA conference which was held in Palm Springs, California.

Corporate sponsorships such as this are important as we continue to provide Missions for America!

Say again, please

We were flying from Chatham, Massachusetts to Nantucket with flight following from Cape approach. The weather was marginal VFR with heavy haze and reasonably poor visibility when out of the mist we heard this on the air:

Cape approach: "Cessna Four Five Six, are you aware that you are heading toward a restricted area?"

Cessna: "No, I wasn't aware of a restricted area. What's in there?"

Cape approach: "It's some type of microwave installation."

Cessna: "Yup, I see a tower ahead."

Cape approach: "That's the tower I want you to miss. If you fly near that tower, it could ruin all your equipment, and you'll never have any children."

Cessna: "Roger that. Turning now..."

Safety is a learned behavior

Aircraft Ground and In-Flight Icing On-line courses available from NASA

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The FAASafetyTeam would like to let the pilot community know that.

The free, on-line course **“A Pilot’s Guide to Ground Icing”** has been updated for all pilots - from general aviation to professional business, corporate and freight pilots, and even to the large transport pilot. The layered presentation allows users to access information relevant to their particular operation.

<http://aircrafticing.grc.nasa.gov/courses.html>

The course was built by NASA, U.S. Federal Aviation Administration, Transport Canada, U.K. Civil Aviation Authority, Flight Options, LCC, WestJet, Inc., Canadian Armed Forces, Leading Edge Deicing Specialists LTD, Hoffman Pilot Center, Inc., Embry Riddle Aeronautical University and AOPA Air Safety Foundation.

Also available at the same link,

<http://aircrafticing.grc.nasa.gov/courses.html>

“A Pilot’s Guide to In-Flight Icing” a free course primarily intended for the general aviation pilot who flies aircraft certified for flight in icing, although much of the information is applicable to all pilots. With an operational focus, this course provides tools pilots can use to deal with in-flight icing

For more information about these on-line courses go to the URL listed above and use the available email address information at the bottom of their screen.

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Safety is a learned behavior...Learn to be safer at the Learning Center found on FAASafety.gov

Submitted by: Capt Dan, the Safety Man

From NTSB reports ... Rocky Mount 182 Crash

On October 22, 2006, at 1535 eastern daylight time, a Cessna 182T, N2135L, registered to Performance Aviation of Wilson LLC, operated by a private individual as a 14 CFR Part 91 personal flight, collided with the ground 6.1 nautical miles northeast of the Rocky Mount-Wilson Regional Airport, Rocky Mount, North Carolina. Instrument meteorological conditions prevailed and an IFR flight plan was filed. The impact and subsequent post-crash fire destroyed the airplane. The private pilot and passenger received fatal injuries. The flight originated from the Michael J. Smith Field Airport, Beaufort, North Carolina, on October 22, 2006, at 1440.

According to the FAA, the pilot had filed a flight plan from the Michael J. Smith Airport to the Wilson Industrial Air Center Airport in Wilson, North Carolina. A review of preliminary radar data showed the flight overflew the Wilson Industrial Air Center Airport then diverted to the Rocky Mount-Wilson Regional Airport. An airport employee at the Rocky Mount-Wilson airport stated that, while towing a King Air out of hangar, he heard a pilot announce over the radio that he was making an approach to runway 4. The employee stated that the weather at the time was light rain, fog, and mist, and that winds were light and favoring runway 4. The employee stated that he could not see the airplane on approach until it broke through the clouds, approximately 600 to 700 feet above ground level (AGL) estimated, and it was well left of the runway centerline. He could see that it was a Cessna 182. The airplane then climbed back into the clouds and departed the area to the northwest. The next radio communication the employee heard was a King Air pilot asking if anyone was talking to the Cessna 182, as Washington Center had lost contact.

The airplane wreckage was located in a CSX Railroad Yard. The airplane had collided with the ground near a CSX rail line in a nose-down attitude. The airplane came to rest on a heading of 130 degrees magnetic. The debris path was on a heading of 185 degrees. The debris path encompassed an area 317 feet in length and 100 feet wide. The initial impact point with the ground left a crater 6 feet in diameter and 4 feet deep. Two of the three propeller blades were found embedded in the crater, and the third blade was located about 6 feet up the debris path.

Aerospace Education

Top Ten 2006 AE Mission Awards

Certificates of Appreciation ;

SM William L Fountain, Jr NC-162 POC for AEO School April 2006

2Lt Glen P Stewart, NC-048 POC for AEO School Sept 2006

AE Specialty Tracker Award : Fayetteville Composite Squadron

AE Yeager Maker Award : Fayetteville Composite Squadron

AE Group 1 Squadron of Distinction Golden Eagle Composite Sq

AE Group 2 Squadron of Distinction Fayetteville Composite Squadron

AE Group 3 Squadron of Distinction Cunningham Field Composite

AE Group of the Year Group 1

AE Squadron of the Year Fayetteville Composite Squadron

AEO of the Year : Senior Capt James Williams

AEO of the Year : Cadet C/Lt Brittiny Gilbert

Thank you to all who support NC Wings AE Mission

Major Harkness

DAE

MER reports

I am pleased to announce the appointment of Col Tink Schaffer as the new MER Director of Operations. Col Schaffer is a former North Carolina Wing Commander and has vast experience in operations and emergency services. Please give Col Schaffer your support and assistance.

I am also pleased to announce the appointment of Maj Mike Reynolds as the new MER Director of Aerospace Education. Maj Reynolds has transferred from the South Carolina Wing and has served in a number of positions. Please give him your support and assistance.

Regards, Kay

KAY JOSLIN WALLING, Col, CAP

MER/CC

Col David Mikelson has resigned his position as CAP Director of Drug Demand Reduction, effective 8 January 2007, to accept the position of Deputy Chief of Staff for Training. Lt Col Jett Mayhew has been appointed as the new CAP Director of Drug Demand Reduction, effective 9 January 2007.

Congratulations Jett!

KAY JOSLIN WALLING, Col, CAP

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Carolina Wing Tips

I am pleased to announce that Colonel Ragland has approved the appointment of two fully qualified Incident Commanders (Level 3), effective 12 November. The two new Incident Commanders are:

Capt Craig Richardson
Capt Andy Wiggs

David E. Crawford, Lt Col, CAP
Director of Emergency Services, North Carolina Wing

Please welcome the following new wing staff officers:
Chaplain (Maj) Wayne Byerly - Wing CISM Officer
Capt Eileen Kong - Director of Cadet Programs
Roy Douglass, Lt Col, CAP
NC Wing Chief of Staff

I want to thank Col Ragland and Lt Col Douglass for the opportunity to serve as Director of Cadet Programs for North Carolina Wing. I am glad that I had the opportunity and would do it all over again if I could. I have moved to Georgia and am working on starting a squadron here. Cadet Conference was my last activity. I hope that I have set a good example for the youth and helped them move forward with their lives. I would like to thank the wing staff and the squadrons for helping me with my job. May God be with you until we meet again.

C. Brandon Parks, Maj, CAP

We now have a vacancy in the Professional Development Directorate. Unfortunately, Lt Col Tom Weber must relinquish his duties as Director of Professional Development due to personal reasons, and thus we have an immediate need to backfill this vacancy, which also includes serving as Test Control Officer for the wing staff.

If any member of NCWG has even a slight interest in filling this vacancy, please read the job description shown in CAPR 20-1, and contact me via e-mail or by cell phone (919-475-4021) for further discussion.

Thank you, as always, for your interest in your wing.

Roy Douglass, Lt Col, CAP
NC Wing Chief of Staff

A reminder to all, the Level One Course Has Been Revised!

1. Your CAP National Professional Development Committee has revised the Level One course for our new members. Level One consists of the Foundations Course (formally called the Orientation Course), the Cadet Protection Program Training (CPPT), and the new Operations Security (OPSEC) Awareness Training.

2. To help with transitioning to this revised program, you can continue to use the older course materials until 31 December. On 1 January, 2007, you must use the revised materials. You are encouraged to begin using the revised materials now. Members who have already completed Level One in the past do not need to retake the course.

Submitted by: Maj John Maxfield, JA

Gen. Benjamin O. Davis Award

- 1st Lt. Steven H. Huchzermeier, NC • Capt. Kristie L. Kirk, NC • 1st Lt. Eric Allen Orgain, NC • Capt. Robert J. Rumfelt, NC
 - Capt. Ki Tae Sung, NC • Capt Frances B. Supina, NC • 1st Lt. Timothy J. Tessin, NC
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I am pleased to announce that Col Ragland has approved the appointment of two new Incident Commanders, Level 3. Lt Col Bill Hawke of NC-082 transfers to us from AZ where he was an experienced Mission Coordinator and Incident Commander. Capt Rob Mason of NC-007 brings a wealth of ground operations experience to the table. Please join me in welcoming these new Incident Commanders.

David E. Crawford, Lt Col, CAP
Director of Emergency Services, North Carolina Wing

Link to OTA now on MER website.

The current Over the Airwaves issue remains available at:
<http://overtheairwaves.com>

As OTA enters its fourth year of publication, there is no question that it has touched a nerve. Drilling through the hype and hoopla of our big GA membership organizations and glossy print publications, OTA continues to shed light on a dirty little secret that few in our industry like to talk about.

That little secret is, of course, for the non-proficient pilot, flying small airplanes is a very risky endeavor. Contrary to our industry spin, the problem is getting worse, not better.

That's right. The GA fatal accident rate, according to published NTSB data, has been climbing steadily since 1999! But rather than targeting scarce resources on this tragic problem, our industry remains focused on battling user fees, airspace restrictions, airport security issues, and recruiting more pilots into the fold.

The Real Issue . . .

Each MONTH nearly 30 GA pilots climb into their airplanes, most with one or more passengers aboard, and never make it to their destination alive. Multiply that number by 12 months and imagine gathering all of their grieving family members together at the end of 2007. Ask them how we have done this past year as an industry.

Then bring together ALL of the people who were even remotely acquainted with any of those victims. Lastly, add to that gathering all members of the general public who, through the media, were made aware of a fatal small airplane wreck. We're talking a whole lot of people here . . . perhaps 80 percent or more of the entire U.S. population!

No . . . user fees, airspace restrictions, airport security issues, and recruiting more pilots are NOT the major issues facing general aviation as some would have us to believe. Instead, the single most challenging issue is that there remains far too many fatal general aviation accidents. Solve this problem and we'll soon have enough political power to put all of the other issues to rest. Solve this problem and the insurance premium dollars we save will more than offset the cost of any imposed user fees!

Next week's OTA issue is the first in 2007. As in the previous three years, it will continue to target those factors that contribute to our increasing fatal accident rate. Our hope is that every English speaking licensed pilot becomes aware of these factors. Once identified, understood, and acted upon, our fatal accident rate will tumble.

When this happens, general aviation will experience a resurgence of growth never before even imagined. Please join with us in this effort by reading and forwarding each OTA issue to every pilot you know.

Fly safe,

Bob Miller, ATP, CFII
Buffalo, NY
716-864-8100

P.S. Remember, go to <http://overtheairwaves.com> and be sure to forward this message to a pilot friend!

Raleigh-Wake Squadron hosts change of command ceremony, awards and promotions

December 19, 2006

Raleigh, NC –It was a lot to cover in one evening but planners of the annual Raleigh-Wake Composite Squadron's annual Christmas celebration offered those attending a three-part program. The evening began with officer members and cadets forming into ranks. The award winning Raleigh-Wake cadet color guard marched in followed by the Group 2 Commander, Maj Toby Wall, current Squadron Commander, Capt Ray Walters and incoming Squadron Commander, Capt Dion Viventi. Capt. Walters passed the ceremonial squadron guidon to Capt Viventi as an act of his relinquishing command. All three officers spoke briefly prior to enjoying a delicious Holiday dinner.

During his remarks, Maj Wall said that during his early years as a pilot he often wondered that if he did go down, who would come looking for him. "I found out . . . and I also found out I could be a part of that organization." Maj Wall thanked Capt Walters for his dedicated service as squadron commander. Capt Walters will now be serving with the Hoimeland Security team of the NC Wing. Maj Wall also thanked Capt Viventi for his past dedication and service.

Next on the schedule were awards and promotions. First up was 1st Lt Tim Tessin, who received his captain's bars. Other promotions included: 2nd Lt Marcus Howard to 1st Lt and 2nd Lt Don Williams to 1st Lt.

1st Lt Glen Stewart received a certificate of appreciation for his work in planning and executing the NC Wing's AE Education Day.

Maj Al Therriault, deputy commander for cadets, presented the Cadet of the Year Award to C/TSgt Ross Hertzler. Cadet promotions included: C/AB Ricky Kruse to C/Amn, C/SRA Stephen Coogan to C/SSgt, C/SSgt W. Ross Hertzler to C/TSgt, C/2LT Hamilton Evrard and C/2LT Jeremiah Coogan to C/1Lt.

1st Lt Don Penven
NC-048 PAO



L-R: Capt Ray Walters, Maj Toby Wall, Capt Dion Viventi



L-R Capt Dion Viventi, Cadet Ross Hertzler

Civil Air Patrol squadron acquires hangar at Statesville Regional Airport

As a result of the hard work and cooperation between the Civil Air Patrol and local government leaders CAP has acquired a hangar at the Statesville North Carolina Regional Airport for use as a base of operations and meeting facility for the Iredell Composite Squadron.

The project to acquire the hangar began over three years ago after a meeting of local squadron members and Iredell County Commissioner Steve Johnson. After this meeting a small group of CAP members and local leaders was formed to explore the idea of acquiring property at the Statesville Airport and in early 2006 the group learned of a hangar that was for sale at the airport. Funded completely by the local government, the purchase of the facility required the approval of the Statesville Airport Commission, Statesville City Council, the Iredell County Sheriff's Office, the Iredell County Board of Commissioners, the North Carolina CAP Wing and CAP National Headquarters. In a unique spirit of cooperation all of the groups worked together to make CAP Base Statesville a reality.

CAP's sixty foot by sixty foot hangar is located at the growing Statesville Regional Airport north of Charlotte N.C. The airport is already home of the Aviation Division of Lowe's Home Improvement Stores, Inc., a Fortune 500 Company and several NASCAR Teams including Dale Earnhart Inc. In addition, the airport recently hosted balloonists from around the nation during the 2006 Carolina Balloon Fest. Recent improvements to the airport include the addition of 2000 feet to the active runway for a total length of 7000 feet and an instrument landing system. Many other additions and improvements including a new terminal building are planned for the airport.

Squadron Commander Captain Breece Nesbit acknowledges that the squadron is extremely grateful to everyone that helped in the project to acquire this hangar. The squadron has been using local churches to meet in since it was chartered in 2002. The hangar will give the squadron a secure and centralized location to store equipment, provide a meeting location and serve as a base for training and actual missions.

1Lt Jim Mixson , PAO
Iredell Comp. Sqdn



Photo by: Maj David Shuping

From the front lines -- Joint NC-SC SAREX

The weekend started out with the plan of conducting a joint SAREX with SCWG - with mission base operations at Laurinburg-Maxton (MEB) and a sub-base at Asheville. Prior to the start of operations at MEB, two actual searches were started just after midnight. Incident Commanders made up of members of the mission staff for the SAREX took these missions on. The first 06-M-2006, was for an ELT in the vicinity of Macon County Airport near Franklin, NC, approximately 90 minutes west of Asheville. The second 06-M-2007, was for an ELT in the vicinity of Charlotte, NC. In both cases, these missions turned into joint operations with SCWG. In the case of the western mission, Asheville could not launch an aircrew due to crew duty day restrictions. SCWG was asked to assist and they launched an aircrew from Spartanburg - which identified an ELT signal much closer to the Jackson County Airport - East of Macon County. A UDF team from Asheville located the ELT in a PA-24 at the Jackson County Airport. At the same time 06-M-2007 was resulting in the search area moving across the NC/SC line toward York SC, where the ELT was located in a J-3 Cub on the field at 01SC, and was silenced by a SCWG UDF team.

During the day on Saturday during the joint SAREX with SCWG, another ELT mission, 06-M-2011 was initiated as the result of several reports of an ELT in the area of Dillon SC, reported by both SCWG and NCWG aircraft who were flying on the SAREX. This mission was also executed by SCWG and NCWG resources - with SCWG taking the lead, sending one aircraft and a ground team, while a NCWG ground team that was already in the area as part of the SAREX was also dispatched to assist.

These missions represented 4 joint operations with SCWG conducted on the same day - which is probably a record, but continues to show that our two wings are able to work closely together to serve the citizens of both states. I would like to thank Lt Col George Roberts and the SCWG members who assisted us on 06-M-2006, and 06-M-2007 and Lt Chuck Morris who was the SC IC for both the joint SAREX and 06-M-2011.

Joint NC-VA Mission

North Carolina Wing was alerted Monday afternoon to assist with the search for a missing aircraft reported to have departed Sunday afternoon from Pace Airport (VA02) in Ridgeway, Virginia enroute to Air Harbor (W88) near Greensboro. When the aircraft did not arrive, friends of the pilot alerted the FAA which initiated a search. Virginia Wing took the lead searching areas east of Ridgeway based on citizen reports. A NCWG aircrew (Lt Col J. Willis, Maj J. O'Brien, Lt T. Tessin) launched in N991CP from RDU late Monday afternoon to fly a route search from W88 to VA02. At the same time ground interviews were conducted by Lt Col W. Hawke at W88, and a UDF team from NC-082 (Capt B. MacPherson, Lt E. Orgain, Lt D. Rodwell) was preparing to conduct interviews at airports near Mocksville based on Radar track analysis of possible targets.

Overnight the NCWG and VAWG ICs worked with the AFRCC and a CAP radar analyst to identify refined search areas. Based on eye-witness reports and the radar track data, a high probability search area ENE of Danville Virginia was identified. Late last night, a weak, intermittent ELT was heard in the vicinity of the eye-witness reports and a radar track position of an aircraft believed to have departed VA02 at approximately the same time as the search objective was believed to have departed.

(The following) morning aircrews in N716CP (Capt J. Mozes, Lt D. Williams, Maj A. Therriault) and N991CP (Capt R. Walters, Lt V. Lewis) launched from RDU to fly 2 sets of grid searches from VA02 south toward Air Harbor. Capt D. Viventi manned the radios at RDU. Maj J. Maxfield served as MIO and Capt D. Oldham assisted with OSC duties.

Shortly after 1130 . . . , searchers from Appalachian Search and Rescue and Virginia Department of Emergency Management, using coordinates provided to them by CAP, located the aircraft very close to the Last Known Position shown in the radar track data, and exactly where the ground team had heard the ELT last night. The latest information . . . indicated that the aircraft was in the trees, above ground level. The location is approximately 12 miles west of South Boston, Virginia.

(A total of 16 NC Wing members) participated in this mission, and there are many others who volunteered to respond. NCWG flew a total of 10.7 hours on 3 sorties on this mission. The NCWG portion of this mission was closed with the AFRCC at 16:05L.

David E. Crawford, Lt Col, CAP
Director of Emergency Services, North Carolina Wing

NCWG Cadets

Good news comes in threes at Chapel Hill . . .

Chapel Hill Composite Squadron is extremely proud to announce that three of our cadets received their milestone awards yesterday.

C/2d Lt Logan Dahms, Billy Mitchell award

C/SSgt Daniel Kong, Wright Brothers award

C/SSgt Garrett Dahms, Wright Brothers award

The wing chief of staff Lt Col Roy Douglass was there to present the awards and partake in the celebrations that followed the award ceremony.

Eileen Kong, Capt, CAP

Deputy Commander for Cadets

Chapel Hill Composite Squadron

Not to be outdone . . . Here's the word from Apex

Apex Cadet Squadron would like to congratulate the following cadets for completing their Earhart and Mitchell Awards:

C/Capt Cassie Fletcher – Earhart Award

C/Capt Kali Fletcher – Earhart Awards

C/2d Lt Joshua Cuany – Mitchell Award

C/2d Lt Nathan Reak – Mitchell Award

These cadets completed the requirements for their awards this past week. For our unit, this is a record for completions of both the Mitchell & Earhart awards, all within a three day span! We are very proud of our cadets and their accomplishments. Congratulations!

Lt Col Pam Landreth-Strug

Commander, Apex Cadet Squadron

And from the Seymour Johnson AFB - Wings Over Wayne Air Show



Raleigh-Wake Cadet Bajerski at the controls of N991CP



C5A parked next to N991CP. You can bet the local FBO likes to see this baby taxi up to the pumps.

Photos courtesy of Maj Al Therriault, Deputy Commander for Cadets, NC-048

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Wreaths Across America

Editor's note: This single project, part of a nationwide program to place commemorative wreaths at our national cemeteries has proven to be one of the most outstanding undertakings that has occurred in the NC Wing in recent years. All units that participated in the program reported extensive TV, radio and news media coverage. This, my fellow officers, is what can happen when a sincere effort is made by our Public Affairs Officers. It takes dedicated PAOs like those who participated in this event to keep the "three blades of the prop" turning.

The campaign sprung from a patriotic tradition at Worcester Wreath Company of Harrington, Maine, which began donating wreaths for veterans' graves at Arlington National Cemetery 15 years ago. This is the first year that remembrance wreaths will be placed on sites nationwide, an observance coordinated by Maine Wing members Maj. Dennis Murray and Maj. Wayne Merritt at the request of Worcester Wreath Co.

Wilmington area:

1Lt Elizabeth Butrim iluvcatholicism@aol.com / Cape Fear Composite Squadron



Swain County area:

Capt Dolores Landwehr landwehr@dnet.net / Swain County Flight

Swain County Flight had marvelous assistance from the VFW, American Legion and the VA Service Office of Sylva.

VIP's in attendance included: Mr. Dietz, representative of our Governor, Mr. Keith Shuler; Mayor Brenda Oliver of Sylva, County Commissioner Glen Jones, VA Service Representative Russ Bower, Chamber of Commerce representative Karen Wilmot, Maxine Wright, hospital representative and Editor Pete Larson of the Smokey Mountain Times. Mayor Tallmadge Jones of Bryson City was unable to attend.

Our Honor Guards in attendance included: Army Corporal Mr. Clyde Bumgardner; Navy Retired Career Chief Mr. George Greg; Retired Marine Career Master Sgt. Richard Wright; Air Force Second Lt. Ms. Mary Becker CAP; and Coast Guard Retired Mr. Clyde Thurston and former POW Billy Hendricks, Purple Heart holder.

Honor Guards were provided by the VFW Post 9281, Commander Jessie Grant. Color Guard and Honor Guard by Retired USAF Major John Beaulieu of USAF Junior ROTC.

Wreaths Across America Continued ...

Raleigh area:

Maj Al Therriault albert.therriault@allscripts.com / Raleigh Wake Composite Squadron



Salisbury area:

Capt James Williams JPBTW@aol.com / Golden Eagle Composite Squadron



Wreaths Across America Continued ...

MCAS Cherry Point

Capt Mary Anne Fleagle covenantarp@wnalinknet.com / Cunningham Field Composite Squadron



Beaufort area:

Capt Linda Eldredge fre_lin@lpmonline.net / Coastal Patrol Base 21



Squadron holds fourth annual banquet and award ceremony

The Iredell Composite Squadron (NC 162) of the United States Air Force Auxiliary, Civil Air Patrol held its fourth annual banquet and awards ceremony on Friday, November 3, 2006 at the Northview Church of Christ on Amity Hill Road. Special guest in attendance for the evening were Iredell County Commissioners Steve Johnson; Marvin Norman and Godfrey Williams; Billy Shoemaker, Statesville Airport Committee member and Director of Lowe's Corporation Aviation Division; CAP Lieutenant Colonel Tony Wright, N.C. Wing Group One Inspector General and CAP Lieutenant Colonel Joyce Wright, Commander of the Hickory Composite Squadron.

The speaker for the evening was Robert Cannon. Cannon is a 1990 graduate of the United States Naval Academy, a Lieutenant Commander in the U.S. Navy Reserve and a Captain for the Charlotte Fire Department. In addition, Cannon received a master's degree in Public Administration from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte in 2003 and graduated from the U.S. Navy's War College Command and Staff Course in 2006.

The awards ceremony began with the promotion of First Lieutenant Marilyn Laney and First Lieutenant Kris Kirk to the rank of Captain. The squadron then presented service ribbons and achievement awards to several members. Receiving the Level One training ribbon were Jennifer and Jeremy Young. Next the Red Service Ribbon for two years of CAP service in good standing was presented to Cadet Naomi Allen, Captain Kris Kirk, First Lieutenant Jim Mixson, First Lieutenant Jan Mixon, Cadet Nathaniel Morrison and Second Lieutenant Forrest Shook. The Red Service Ribbon with Bronze Clasp for five years of service in the Civil Air Patrol was awarded to Cadet Matthew Dobson, Second Lieutenant Mona Eagle, Cadet Joshua Jenkins, First Lieutenant Steve Jenkins, Captain Marilyn Laney and Major David Shuping. The squadron then presented the Civil Air Patrol Leadership Ribbon to Lieutenant Colonel Bill Fountain, U.S. Air Force retired and to Captain Kristi Kirk. Civil Air Patrol Rescue Find Ribbons were presented to First Lieutenant Jim Mixson, Second Lieutenant Dean Walker and to Cadet Ryan Walker. Cadet Commander Nathaniel Morrison was presented the CAP Encampment Ribbon with Bronze Clasp for serving as a staff member during the N.C. Wing Encampment held at Cherry Point Marine Air Station during the past summer. Lt. Col. Bill Fountain, USAF retired was then presented the Brigadier General Charles E. (Chuck) Yeager Aerospace Achievement Award from completing CAP's Aerospace Education Program.

The squadron also recognized several members for special awards for the year 2006.

Major David Shuping was awarded the squadron's Safety Award. Shuping has conducted numerous safety briefings and conducted the squadron's 2006 Safety Blitz. In addition Shuping has lead by example in putting safety foremost in all CAP activities he has been involved with including squadron meetings, training, cadet activities and emergency services missions.

Second Lieutenant Dean Walker was awarded the squadron's Emergency Services Award. Walker joined CAP in 2005 and currently serves as the squadron's Communications Officer. During the past year Walker participate in many hours of emergency services training as a student and as an instructor. In his capacity as Communications Officer Walker has directed the acquisition of improved radio equipment and trained members in the knowledge and skill necessary for the operation of CAP communication equipment.

Cadet Naomi Allen was awarded the squadron's Cadet Emergency Services Award. She is the daughter of Walter and Second Lieutenant Leanne Allen of Mocksville N.C. Cadet Allen was recognized for her participation in emergency services training and his willingness to serve in the emergency services area.

The Cadet of the Year Award was presented to Cadet Ryan Walker. Walker is the son of Angie and Second Lieutenant Dean Walker of Troutman. Cadet Walker was recognized for performing his duties as a cadet in an exemplary fashion, demonstrating discipline, leadership skills and esprit de corps in the cadet program. In addition Cadet Walker received a scholarship to and participated in U.S. Space Camp in Alabama during the past summer.

The Squadron Officer of the Year Award was presented to Lieutenant Colonel Bill Fountain, U.S. Air Force retired. Fountain has been a member of the Civil Air Patrol since April 2005 and serves as the squadron's Aerospace Education Officer and Safety Officer. As a pilot Colonel Fountain has obtain several CAP flight rating including scanner, mission pilot and instructor pilot. Also during 2006 Colonel Fountain has conducted primary flight training with cadets and activity conducts cadet orientation flights.

First Lieutenant Jim Mixson was presented the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation Volunteer Service Award by Iredell County Commissioner Steve Johnson. Lieutenant Mixson was also awarded the Squadron's Recruiting Award and the 2006 Excellence in Volunteerism Award. In addition to his duties as the squadron's Public Affairs Officer and Deputy Commander Mixson is also activity involved with the Boy Scouts of America where he has previously served as a Cub Scout leader and District Committee member and currently serves as an Assistant Scoutmaster and as the District Commissioner for Iredell County.

In his closing remarks Squadron commander Breece Nesbitt thanked the members of the Statesville Airport Commission, Iredell County Commissioners, Statesville City Council, and the Iredell County Sheriff's Office for their cooperation and commitment to the Iredell Composite Squadron's acquisition of a hangar at the Statesville Regional Airport for use as a base for CAP operations and meeting location for the local squadron.

1Lt Jim Mixson, Iredell Comp. Sqdn.

North Carolina Wing Members attend Air Force Memorial Dedication

Washington, D.C. – Major General Dwight H. Wheless, Past CAP National and NC Wing Commander and Lt. Col Jayson Altieri, Fayetteville Composite Squadron were recently guests at the dedication ceremony of the Air Force Memorial held at Arlington, Virginia on 14 – 15 October 2006.

General Wheless was invited to represent Major General Anthony Pineda, the current CAP National Commander, at the ceremony. General Wheless met with a number of Air Force and Government dignitaries during this event. The General and Lt. Col Altieri were seated at the pre-memorial brunch, held at the Crystal City Ritz-Carlton, with Mr. Bob Schieffer, CBS News (Face the Nation); Lt. Col Bernie Fisher, a Vietnam Medal of Honor recipient (also a CAP Lt. Col and qualified Mission Scanner with the Idaho Wing); and Mr. Edward Grillo, Air Force Association President. General Wheless also meet with Generals Keys, McPeak and others; had several opportunities to chat with Assistant Air Force Secretary Michael Dominguez; met with two other Medal of Honor recipients; and talked to a number of current CAP members including a Spaatz Cadet from Norwich University's Military College of Vermont and a former CAP Chaplain, now on active duty Air Force Captain..

President George Bush, Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld, Secretary of the Air Force Michael W. Wynne, Air Force Chief of Staff T. Michael Mosley, and Mr. Ross Perot, Jr. were among the many guest speakers at the event. An estimated 25,000 people attended the official dedication. The Memorial's ceremony consisted of an aerial review of historic and modern Air Force aircraft, and a special appearance by the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds. In nearby Pentagon South Parking, the Air Force hosted an Open House and country musician Lee Ann Womack performed for 30,000 veterans and members of the public following the dedication ceremony. The weekend events ended with a Sunday morning memorial ceremony under a crystal blue sky that included a stellar performance by the Air Force Band and a Missing Man formation performed by the Air Force Thunderbirds.

POC: Capt Rob Mason, CAP

Commander, Fayetteville Comp. Sqdn.



Lt Col (Ret.) Bernie Fisher, Medal of Honor recipient, with Lt Col Altieri and Bob Schieffer, CBS News

Cadet scholarships available

CAP offers over \$200,000 in scholarships to qualified cadets and senior members every year. If you have not looked into this great opportunity, please check out the [CAP Scholarship Webpage](#) for eligibility and application procedures. **The deadline for this year's scholarship applications is January 31, 2007.** Start putting your package together now to ensure it arrives on time at national headquarters.

Eileen Kong, Capt, CAP
Director of Cadet Programs, NCWG

Commo report from joint SAREX

(The weekend) Joint SAREX with the good people at the South Carolina Wing couldn't have gone more smoothly from a communications standpoint. I'd like to thank those who manned the Maxton Mission Base Commo Center and provided both wings with service that was remarkable in terms of message volume and professionalism. The message log sheets alone formed a rather impressive stack- never mind the messages themselves!

We established an HF orderwire between the wings; a useful addition. Over it, several critical messages were passed- if there were any RF interruptions, they were confined, minor and limited in their effects. I was particularly happy to see the reactions to problems- instead of thumb-sitting and finger-pointing, workable alternatives were quickly offered and acted upon. My personal thanks go to Major Starr (CKH44), who helped unravel more than one Gordian Knot.

I was impressed by the mission-sense and atmosphere of mutual respect that prevailed. For example, Cadets Hoffer (CKH7805) and Hertzog (CKH7803) had already set up HF and VHF commo before our party arrived at the actual site, and had checked into the TNWG net- when I arrived at Maxton, there was already an HF antenna strung between a flagpole halyard and a friendly pine tree on the airport grounds, and a VHF antenna was already in use. (I heard that the best way of getting Cadet Hoffer out of a tree was with a shotgun and strong language). I can't tell you how much work both '7805 and '7803 saved us, by establishing our primary circuits before things got thick. Thank you!

2Lt Mason (CKH667) and Capt Simmons (CKH580) manned our VHF nets until everyone within a hundred miles recognized their voices, and I was struck by the calm, helpful and competent manner in which they both handled their jobs. I have worked with both of them before, and after this weekend's experience, I would eagerly seek them out again. 2LT Sandlin (CKH65) handled the HF side of the house, and Cadet Kelly Weeks (CKH5736) managed the operational traffic flow and the administrative side of things- both of them kept morale up by eagerly handling any task that they were handed. Their eagerness and good cheer were contagious (it's important to have a sense of humor, you know..)

1Lt Ralph Driver (SandLapper4), my counterpart from South Carolina, had stayed in touch with me from well before the SAREX, and we continued to work with each other throughout the exercise. Heck- I even got a call from him last night- I hope to work with him again, and soon. It's nice to know he's on the other end of the wire.

I hope this SAREX was but one example of how well two wings can work together. I look forward to the next opportunity to work with people I already know, and others I hope to meet.

There was one regrettable incident to report. Early Saturday morning, Cindy Crawford had just completed the first lap around my yard with the riding mower--she had also put a second coat of wax on my car, when I heard "Lootennant Savoy, it's five minutes before reveille, Sir!"

Thanks a lot, Cadet.

1st Lt Keith Savoy-CKH4

Cadets continued . . .

Apex winter encampment

On Friday, 25 cadets, 18 first-time attendees, from 6 different squadrons and two wings graduated from the Apex Winter Encampment held at Wing HQ. The cadets spent their days learning about Color Guard, even held a mini competition, ES skills, as well as various AF and other Aviation careers. We wish to thank Lt Col Dominic Strug, Maj Jon Johnson and Maj David Gamble for providing orientation flights. Lt Col Johnson and SM Richardson for being enthusiastic instructors. A special thanks to SFC Arellano, USA, Special Forces, who gave an outstanding class on topographical charts. Being an active instructor from Ft Bragg, his assistance was especially helpful! We especially wish to recognize 1st Lt Larry Jansch and 2d Lt Cindy Stephenson for assisting the entire week—keeping us all in perspective. Thanks!

The Executive Staff did an outstanding job of handling all the training and scheduling!

C/Capt Kali Fletcher - Cadet Commander

C/Capt Olivia Barrow - Cadet Executive Officer

C/CMSgt TJ Richardson - Cadet First Sergeant.

Honor Cadet was Cadet Nicholas Padleckas from Asheville Squadron

Honor Flight was the Bravo Broncos commanded by C/Capt Cassie Fletcher and assisted by C/TSgt Chris Gamble

Alpha Flight was commanded by C/2d Lt Bryan Stephenson and assisted by C/SMSgt Travis Chaput

I am extremely proud of the Apex Cadet Squadron seniors and cadets who were on staff at the encampment. CAP now has 25 very motivated cadets who plan to take what they learned this past week back to their squadrons!

Happy New Year to One and All!

Pam Landreth-Strug, Lt Col, CAP

Commander, 2006 Apex Winter Encampment

CISM Corner

I want to share with you one of the opportunities that may be taking place next year. In the process of getting “up to speed” on our CISM program in NC Wing, I obtained a list from NHQ of those CAP individuals who are qualified as “trained trainers” to teach the basic and advanced courses from ICISF. I also received a response from one of them, John Desmarais who is the Deputy Director of Operations at National HQ. John indicated that he was willing to come and teach the basic course at Wing HQ if we had at least 20 who would sign up for the course.

Refer to CAPR 60-5, paragraph 3.d on page 3: “CAP encourages all personnel to receive critical incident stress management training. For those who want to help their fellow responders, the ‘CISM:Group Crisis Intervention’ and ‘CISM:Individual Crisis Intervention and Peer Support’ courses are recommended.”

Here is the TENTATIVE plan:

What: CISM:Group Crisis Intervention course

When: March 23 and March 24, 2007 (provided approval is given to hold the course)

Where: NC Wing HQ, Burlington, NC

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. both days.

So here’s the deal, we need to determine if there is a sufficient number to offer the course at Wing HQ. If we can justify the need by having a sufficient number sign up for the basic course, we may be able to offer it and invite other wings in the region to participate.

Please indicate your interest by sending an email message to Chaplain Wayne Byerly (No Later Than January 15, 2007).

Please rely to my email address: nbyerly.1@juno.com

Again, if we have a sufficient number to make the class (at least 20 participants) then we will move forward with plans to obtain approval and funding to set up the course. Otherwise, we will not.

Blessings,

Chaplain (Maj) N. Wayne Byerly

NC Wing CISM co-ordinator

NC Wing/CIS

PAO Report

Some new and exciting things are taking shape in the NC Wing's PAO directorate. A short time ago a PAO Corner was established on the Wing website, and it currently has five links that should be of interest to everyone serving or considering serving as a unit public affairs officer:

1. PAO Speciality Track Training Guide (CAPP 201)
2. Statewide law enforcement and media links. (Police, Sheriffs, Radio and TV stations, and Newspapers)
3. CAP 65th Anniversary Planning Guide
4. PA Quick Guide (shortcuts to getting the job done)
5. Where to send your PA materials.

The Wing PAO team has been challenged with the task of building and strengthening the unit PAO function throughout the Wing. We've developed a plan that will first cover recruitment of unit PAOs. *Remember that if a unit does not have a PAO with a CAPForm 2A on file with the Wing staff, the job must be covered by the unit commander.*

We are putting the finishing touches on a new member recruiting and marketing brochure highlighting the NC Wing. (Right now all we have is the brochure published by National.) Plans are also afoot to produce Wing video for use at public functions.

But the best part of the plan is to offer a newly structured and organized PAO Boot Camp. This program will be held at NC Wing Headquarters and will coincide with the monthly Commander's Call. This program will be much more advanced in content in that it will include a number of hands-on, simulated missions. Yes, we will review the basic stuff too, but the emphasis will be on training PAOs to fulfill slots for Mission Information Officers. Those completing the Boot Camp will be able to complete most, if not all requirements for the PAO Technician rating. Lt Col Biondo will publish the details on CAPNC shortly.

2006 was a very fruitful year for PA involvement for the NC Wing. We had multiple opportunities to attract media attention and our PAOs did just that. Media outlets from the mountains to the coast covered our activities with the *Wreaths Across America* project. During the month of December CAP News Online published four articles from the NC Wing--none of which were relating to the wreaths project. This happened because PAOs took the time to write them and send them in.

Being a public affairs officer can be a rewarding experience, but you will have to work at it! Emergency services, cadets and aerospace education are the basis of CAP, and most of us (PAOs) are working with one or two of these functions in addition to what we do for public affairs. PAO is more than an additional duty. It's a true calling for some of us. If you are not involved with your unit's PA function you don't know what you're missing!

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Squadron Leadership School (SLS)

Here's your chance to advance in the CAP professional development toward earning your Certificate of Proficiency.

SLS will be conducted 23-24 February 2007

at the

General Aviation Terminal at RDU Airport

February 23 - 24

For more information contact:

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